

lified to attend the school in the nature of an usher had his age permitted it. But as he was yet too young to keep the scholars in that awe which is necessary in a school, the master only gave him his board, till the elder scholars left off, and he was grown bigger, intending then to allow him as he did others in that station. But adverse fortune still attends the poor boy: The good old man died in less than a twelve-month; so that *Phil* was a second time obliged to return to his mother, (his father being dead) who not being in a capacity to do for him, as his education and natural talents really deserved, proposed to learn him some trade, in order to get his bread honestly; having by her hard working, and frugal living, made shift to lay up five pounds, and which she dedicated to that purpose. And as there lived in the neighbourhood a locksmith ever since he was born, who being great with his father, would often play with him when a child, and now and then give him farthings to buy fruit, he chose to be bound to him, which was done in about a month's time.

They both agreed wonderfully well, the master being very kind and good-natured, and the man as diligent and careful. But this

this happiness, though slight, is lasting; for the poor man, having for a relation who failed, had seized upon, and himself thrown so poor *Phil* was again obliged to his mother.

One day as *Phil*, for want of employment, was rambling by the Tower, a captain of a ship bound for the Indies, taking a particular fancy to him, whether he would go to sea? he was so disposed, he would take him into his cabin, and provide him with a

The gentle manner in which the boy, and his mild countenance, and vast progress in his affection, accepted his offer, he desired to run home, and acquaint his mother with it.—The captain having taken leave of him, gave him half a year's wages, and he had spent with his mother, then told him that he need bring no clothes, for he would provide every thing for him on the voyage.

The over-joyed boy, having told his mother of this event, gave her the measure of his joy, and with great haste to return to him, having embraced his tender mother,